



THE COLOR EVOLUTION



NOTE: This is an Italian pattern and has not been tech edited for the US market, and might require advanced knitting skills & math.

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MATERIALS

Eco Baby by Laines Du Nord as foll.:

5 (6, 7) balls, white (cod. #1)

2 (3, 4) balls, blue (cod. #17)

Circular Needles = US6/4mm, 40"/100 cm and 24"/60 cm in length

Darning needle

Stitch marker

Pins

Scissors

Tape measure

GAUGE

4 x 4"/10 x 10 cm = 21 sts and 33 r. in stocking st. using size US6/4mm needles. If required, you can use different size of needle.

ABBREVIATIONS

RS = right side of work

WS = wrong side of work

SM = stitch marker

r. = row(s)

st.(s) = stitch(es)

incr. = increase(ing)

col. = color

k = knit

tog. = together

rep. = repeat

p = purl

rem. = remain(ing)

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

NOTES

Work the sweater in a single piece from down to top. Work lower bands of front and back in back-and-forth rows; work body in round on base of 2 bands; for armholes shaping, work top of front and back in back-and-forth rows separately. Work the sleeves in round around the armhole edges, after sewing the shoulder.

Work body and sleeves in stocking st., alternating the colors as follow:

- 14 rounds/rows with col. 1 (white)

- 8 rounds/rows with col. 17 (blue)

Skill Level: Intermediate

SIZES

SIZE S (M, L)

Measures of size M sweater (shown by the picture):

Chest circumference: 41"/104 cm

Total height: 27½"/70 cm

Length from under sleeve (armpit) to lower band: 19¾"/50 cm

Sleeves circumference: 13½"/34 cm

Sleeve length (from under sleeve): 15½"/39 cm

STITCHES USED

Stocking st. in round: knit every r.

Stocking stitch in back-and-forth rows:

1st r. (RS): knit.

2nd r. (WS): purl.

Always rep. 1st and 2nd r.

Rib 1/1 (in back-and-forth rows or in round):

1st row/round: (k1, p1) across the entire r.

2nd row/round and next rows/rounds.: work the sts. as they appear.

INSTRUCTIONS

FRONT BAND

Using col. 17 and size US6/4mm needles, cast-on 101 (111, 123) sts. and work 4 r. rib 1/1, then using col. 1 cont. working 18 cm more in rib 1/1. At last, leave the stitches on a cable needle or on waste yarn.

BACK BAND

Like front band.

BODY

Cast-on 101 (111, 123) sts. for both bands on circular needle and close in round. [202 (222, 246) sts.]

Cont. in stocking st. in round, alternating the colors like above and reaching 19¾ (19¾, 20)"/50 (50, 51) cm in total height.

TOP FRONT

Divide panel again and cont. working 2 pieces separately, shaping the sleeve openings. Work first 101 (111, 123) sts. leaving 101 (111, 123) sts. on a cable needle or waste yarn, then work in stocking st. in back-and-forth rows, alternating the colors like above, at 7 (7½, 8¼)"/18 (19, 21) cm from undersleeve (armpit) approx.

From next r. shape the neckline, working the shoulders on both sides of top front, in stocking st. separately and alternating the colors like above.

First shoulder

1st r.: k36 (40, 46); leave the rem. sts.

2nd r.: purl.

3rd r.: knit until 4 sts. to end (or neckline), k2tog, k2 [35 (39, 45)]

4th r.: purl.

From 5th to 12th (14th, 16th) r.: rep. 3rd and 4th r. 4 (5, 6) times more. [31 (34, 39) sts.]

Work 10 (10, 12) r. more in stocking st. on rem. sts. At last, leave the sts.

Second shoulder

For neckline shaping, leave 29 (31, 31) central sts. of top front and work rem. 36 (40, 46) sts. like first shoulder (reversing all shaping), changing k2tog with skp.

TOP BACK

Pick-up 101 (111, 123) sts. you have left at the end of body and work in stocking st. in back-and-forth rows 7 (7½, 8¼)"/18 (19, 21) cm from undersleeve (armpit) approx., always alternating the colors like above.

At last, leave all sts.

SHOULDERS SEWING

Sew in graft st. 31 (34, 39) corresponding sts. of each shoulder, joining front and back. For neckline shaping, leave central sts. of back.

SLEEVES (x 2)

Using size US6/4mm needles and col. 1, pick-up 74 (80, 86) sts. around armhole, place one SM to mark the beginning of round and work in stocking st. in round, alternating the colors like above.

When piece measures 17¼ (17¼, 18)"/44 (44, 46) cm, using col. 1, work 15 r. rib 1/1 in back-and-forth, shaping the cuff vent. Using col. 17 work rib 1/1 2 r. more. At last bind off all sts. with col. 17.

Shape second sleeve around second armhole.

COLLAR

Using size US6/4mm needles and col. 1, pick-up 92 (100, 108) sts. around neckline, place one SM to mark the beginning of round and work 4"/10 cm in rib 1/1 in round. Using col. 17 work 2 rounds more in rib 1/1. At last bind off all sts. with col. 17.

Hide the ends on WS.